AMENDMENTS OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (currently amended) A method for providing remote access to captured content, comprising:

locally capturing content for an event using a capture device;

automatically transmitting the content from the capture device to a remote computer over a communications network;

automatically associating the content with a user account;

automatically publishing the content on a remote server, wherein the remote server comprises a database comprising locally captured content associated with user accounts and publishing the content comprises updating the database with the content;

automatically transmitting a textual notification to a user associated with the user account in response to publishing the content, wherein the notification indicates that the published content has been published on the remote server; and

~~providing the content to a~~ allowing the user to access the published content on the remote server with a user access device ~~of a user associated with the user account~~.

2. (original) The method defined in claim 1 wherein capturing content comprises capturing content without persistently storing the content.

3. (original) The method defined in claim 1 wherein:

publishing the content further comprises automatically publishing the content to a plurality of user accounts on the remote server; and

providing the content further comprises providing the content to user access devices of users associated with the plurality of user accounts.

4. (original) The method defined in claim 1 wherein:

the method further comprises detecting the event with a sensor; and

locally capturing content comprises automatically capturing the content in response to the detection of the event by the sensor.

5. (original) The method defined in claim 4 wherein the sensor is a motion sensor, a contact sensor, a smoke sensor, a humidity sensor, a water emersion sensor, a radon sensor, a temperature sensor, an audio sensor, a carbon monoxide sensor, an infrared sensor, or a radiation sensor.

6. (original) The method defined in claim 1 wherein the capture device is a video camera, a still camera, a microphone, or a temperature gauge.

7. (original) The method defined in claim 1 wherein:

the method further comprises encapsulating the content with metadata, wherein the metadata includes information about the capture device; and

publishing the content on the web site comprises publishing the information about the capture device with the content according to the metadata.

8. (original) The method defined in claim 1 wherein:

the method further comprises encapsulating the content with metadata, wherein the metadata includes information about the content; and

publishing the content on the web site comprises publishing the content according to the information about the content in the metadata.

9. (original) The method defined in claim 8 wherein:

the information about the content includes the type of the content; and

publishing the content according to the information about the content comprises publishing the content according to the type of the content as indicated in the metadata.

10. (original) The method defined in claim 8 wherein the type of content includes picture, video, or text.

11. (original) The method defined in claim 1 wherein:

the capture device has an associated virtual interface;

the method further comprises encapsulating the content with metadata, wherein the metadata includes information about the virtual interface; and

publishing the content on the web site comprises providing the user with access to the content using the virtual interface according to the metadata.

12. (original) The method defined in claim 1 wherein:

the method further comprises encapsulating the content with metadata, wherein the metadata includes user information; and

automatically associating the content with a user account comprises automatically associating the content with a user account based on the user information.

13. (original) The method defined in claim 1 further comprising:

encapsulating the content with metadata, wherein the metadata includes information about the event; and

providing an electronic notification to the user, wherein the notification includes the information about the event.

14. (currently amended) A system for providing remote access to captured content comprising:

a capture device configured to locally capture content;

a remote computer configured to automatically associate the content with a user account and automatically publish the content to a web site, wherein the web site comprises a database comprising locally captured content associated with user accounts and publishing the content comprises updating the database with the content;

a monitoring module configured to automatically provide the content to the remote computer from the capture device over a communications network;

the remote computer configured to automatically publish the content to the remote server and to automatically transmit a textual notification to a user associated with the user account in response to publishing the content, wherein the notification indicates that the published content has been published on the remote server; and

a user access device configured to ~~provide content of a user associated with the user account~~ allow the user to access the published content on the remote server.

15. (original) The system defined in claim 14 wherein the capture device captures content without persistently storing the content.

16. (original) The system defined in claim 14 wherein:

the remote computer is further configured to automatically publish content to a plurality of user accounts on the remote server; and

the user access device is further configured to provide content to users associated with the plurality of user accounts.

17. (original) The system defined in claim 14 wherein:

the system further comprises a sensor configured to detect an event; and

the capture device is further configured to locally capture the content in response to the detection of the event by the sensor.

18. (original) The system defined in claim 17 wherein the sensor is a motion sensor, a contact sensor, a smoke sensor, a humidity sensor, a water emersion sensor, a radon sensor, a temperature sensor, an audio sensor, a carbon monoxide sensor, an infrared sensor, or a radiation sensor.

19. (original) The system defined in claim 14 wherein the capture device is a video camera, a still camera, a microphone, or a temperature gauge.

20. (original) The system defined in claim 14 wherein:

the monitoring module is further configured to encapsulate the content with metadata, wherein the metadata includes information about the capture device; and

the remote computer is further configured to publish the content according to the information about the capture device.

21. (original) The system defined in claim 14 wherein:

the monitoring module is further configured to encapsulate the content with metadata, wherein the metadata includes information about the content; and

the remote computer is further configured to publish the content according to the information about the content.

22. (original) The system defined in claim 21 wherein:

the information about the content includes the type of content; and

the remote computer is further configured to publish the content according to the type of content.

23. (original) The system defined in claim 21 wherein the type of content includes picture, video, or text.

24. (original) The system defined in claim 14 wherein:

the capture device has an associated virtual interface;

the monitoring module is further configured to encapsulate the content with metadata, wherein the metadata includes information about the virtual interface; and

the remote computer is further configured to publish the content on the web site according to the information about the virtual interface.

25. (original) The system defined in claim 14 wherein:

the monitoring module is further configured to encapsulate the content with metadata, wherein the metadata includes information about the user information; and

the remote computer is further configured to publish the content according to the user information.

26. (original) The system defined in claim 14 wherein:

the monitoring module is further configured to encapsulate the content with metadata, wherein the metadata includes information about the event; and

the system further comprises a notification device configured to provide an electronic notification to the user, wherein the notification includes the information about the event.

27. (currently amended) A system for providing remote access to captured content comprising:

means for locally capturing content for an event;

means for automatically transmitting the content to a remote computer over a communications network;

means for automatically associating the content with a user account;

means for automatically publishing the content to a remote server, wherein the remote server comprises a database comprising locally captured content associated with user accounts and publishing the content comprises updating the database with the content; and

means for automatically transmitting a textual notification to a user associated with the user account in response to publishing the content, wherein the notification indicates that the published content has been published on the remote server; and

means for ~~associating a~~ allowing the user to access the published content on the remote server with a user access device ~~with the user account~~.

28. (original) The system defined in claim 27 wherein the means for capturing content without persistently storing the content comprises the capture device.

29. (original) The system defined in claim 27 wherein: the means for automatically publishing the content further comprises means for publishing the content to a plurality of user accounts on the remote server; and

the means for providing the content further comprises means for providing the content to user access devices of users associated with the plurality of user accounts.

30. (original) The system defined in claim 27 wherein:

the system further comprises means for detecting the event; and

the means for locally capturing content comprises means for automatically capturing the content in response to the detection of the event by the means for detecting.

31. (original) The system defined in claim 30 wherein the means for detecting comprises a motion sensor, a contact sensor, a smoke sensor, a humidity sensor, a water emersion sensor, a radon sensor, a temperature sensor, an audio sensor, a carbon monoxide sensor, an infrared sensor, or a radiation sensor.

32. (original) The system defined in claim 27 wherein the means for capturing comprises a video camera, a still camera, a microphone, or a temperature gauge.

33. (original) The system defined in claim 27 wherein:

the system further comprises means for encapsulating the content with metadata, wherein the metadata includes information about the capture device; and

the means for publishing the content on the web site comprises means for publishing the information about the capture device with the content according to the metadata.

34. (original) The system defined in claim 27 wherein:

the system further comprises means for encapsulating the content with metadata, wherein the metadata includes information about the content; and

the means for publishing the content on the web site comprises means for publishing the content according to the information about the content in the metadata.

35. (original) The system defined in claim 34 wherein:

the information about the content includes the type of the content; and

the means for publishing the content according to the information about the content comprises means for publishing the content according to the type of the content as indicated in the metadata.

36. (original) The system defined in claim 34 wherein the means for identifying the type of content comprises identifying picture, video, or text.

37. (original) The system defined in claim 27 wherein:

the capture device has an associated virtual interface;

the system further comprises means for encapsulating the content with metadata, wherein the metadata includes information about the virtual interface; and

the means for publishing the content on the web site comprises means for providing the user with access to the content using the virtual interface according to the metadata.

38. (original) The system defined in claim 27 wherein:

the system further comprises means for encapsulating the content with metadata, wherein the metadata includes user information; and

the means for automatically associating the content with a user account comprises means for automatically associating the content with a user account based on the user information.

39. (original) The system defined in claim 27 further comprising:

means for encapsulating the content with metadata, wherein the metadata includes information about the event; and

means for providing an electronic notification to the user, wherein the notification includes the information about the event.

40. (new) A method for providing remote access to captured content, comprising:

locally capturing content for an event using a capture device;

receiving a user indication to upload the locally captured content to a remote computer over a communications network;

in response to receiving the user indication:

transmitting the content from the capture device to the remote computer,

automatically associating the content with a user account, and

automatically publishing the content on the remote server, wherein the remote server comprises a database comprising locally captured content associated with user accounts and publishing the content comprises updating the database with the content; and

allowing the user to access the published content on the remote server with a user access device.

41. (new) The method defined in claim 40 further comprising automatically providing an electronic notification to the user, wherein the notification includes information about the captured event.

42. (new) The method defined in claim 40 further comprising allowing the user to access the locally captured content prior to receiving the user indication to upload the locally captured content.

43. (new) The method defined in claim 40 further comprising automatically providing the captured content to a monitoring module.

44. (new) The method defined in claim 40 further comprising encapsulating the captured content with metadata, wherein the metadata includes information about the captured content.

45. (new) The method defined in claim 40 wherein the automatically publishing the content further comprises automatically publishing the content to a plurality of user accounts on the remote server.

46. (new) A method for providing remote access to captured content, comprising:

locally capturing content for an event having an event type using a capture device;

automatically transmitting the content from the capture device to a remote computer over a communications network;

automatically associating the content with a user account;

automatically publishing the content on the remote server, wherein the remote server comprises a database comprising locally captured content associated with user

accounts and publishing the content comprises updating the database with the content;

determining a type of notification based on the event type;

communicating a notification to a user using the type of notification, wherein the notification indicates that the published content has been published on the remote server; and

allowing the user to access the published content on the remote server with a user access device.

47. (new) The method defined in claim 46 wherein the notification further comprises information about the captured event.

48. (new) The method defined in claim 46 wherein the determining the type of notification comprises determining multiple types of notification for the event.

49. (new) The method defined in claim 46 further comprising automatically providing the captured content to a monitoring module, wherein the monitoring module automatically transmits the content from the capture device to the remote computer.

50. (new) The method defined in claim 46 further comprising encapsulating the captured content with metadata,

wherein the metadata includes information about the captured content.

51. (new) The method defined in claim 46 wherein the automatically publishing the content further comprises automatically publishing the content to a plurality of user accounts on the remote server.